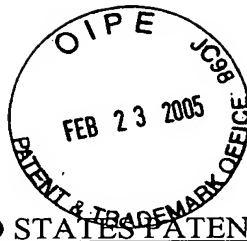


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In response to the Election Requirement stated in the Official Action dated January 26, 2005, Applicants in the above-identified patent application elect Species II which correspond to Claims 1, 4, and 7-25) and Figures 5-7 for further examination on the merits.

The undersigned agrees that Claims 1-4 are generic.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.